



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced below average amounts of precipitation for the week. Temperatures across the State were slightly above normal for this time of year, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Producers were allowed 5.7 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	32	56	5
Last Week	8	31	56	5
Last Year	3	32	63	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	37	52	5
Last Week	7	37	50	6
Last Year	14	47	39	0

Small Grains: Spring barley was 62 percent harvested by week's end, while spring wheat was reported at 40 percent and rated in mostly good condition. Both crops are currently behind their 5-year averages for harvest.

Row Crops: Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition. Corn is now 60 percent complete in the dough stage and 30 percent in the dent stage, 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum turning color and maturing stages continue to progress ahead of their 5-year averages. Dry onions, reported at 23 percent harvested, are 9 points behind their 5-year average. Summer potatoes harvested, reported at 20 percent, are 11 points behind the average. Harvesting of fall potatoes began last week. Dry bean acreage has nearly completed the flowering stage and entered the cutting stage this past week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 30, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	4	20	43	33
Last Year	6	18	21	39	16

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado decreased slightly last week. This was seen from a drop of 9 points in the good and excellent combined categories. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with third cutting alfalfa, at 25 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 14 percentage points.

Livestock: Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week. Death losses for cattle were rated slightly above average while sheep losses were rated slightly below. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 30, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	3	10	37	42	8
Prev. Year - 2008	10	24	38	25	3
5-Year Avg.	9	22	36	27	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending August 30, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	62	42	58	69
Spring Wheat				
Harvested	40	35	39	52
Corn				
Dough	60	43	88	68
Dent	30	17	40	28
Corn Silage				
Harvested	10	5	13	12
Sorghum				
Headed	84	75	98	91
Turning Color	55	50	86	41
Mature	16	11	9	6
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	20	13	20	31
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	2	N/A	12	3
Dry Onions				
Harvested	23	12	21	32
Dry Beans				
Cut	5	N/A	8	9
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	93	90	99	96
3 rd Cutting	25	16	43	39

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	18	58	19
Corn	2	10	20	53	15
Sugarbeets	0	1	15	70	14
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	95	5
Fall Potatoes	1	4	25	42	28
Sorghum	0	2	22	65	11
Sunflowers	3	4	25	47	21
Dry Beans	0	1	24	65	10
Dry Onions	3	3	6	72	16
Livestock	0	2	11	79	8